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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

Please enter and consider the following response. The Office Action mailed January 9, 2004 has been received and carefully reviewed. In response, the following remarks are submitted and entry is requested for placing this application in better condition for appeal. In the alternative, reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103 in View of Carter, et al.:

The Examiner has maintained a number of rejections to claims 1-18 based upon the reference of *Carter, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4/702,381), either alone or in combination with other various references.

Carter, et al., in the opinion of the Examiner, shows the idea of labeling towels with "HIS" or "HERS" indicia. The Examiner contends that *Carter, et al.* is not distinguishable over the presently claimed invention because the indicia can include the word "HIS" or the word "HERS," and that it is within one having ordinary skill in the art to provide two or more towels in which one of the towels includes the word "HIS" and the other of the towels includes the word "HERS" in order to allow for a husband and wife to distinguish between their respective towels. The Examiner further notes that the towels of *Carter, et al.* can be used to clean the surfaces mentioned in the claims, that is, surfaces collected from the group consisting essentially of dishes, glassware, cooking pots and pans, kitchen counters, kitchen cabinets, kitchen sinks, dining tables, windows and furniture. The Examiner concedes that the claims